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For: ARTICLE COATED WITH ZIRCONIUM
COMPOUND FILM, METHOD FOR
PREPARING THE ARTICLE AND
SPUTTERING TARGET FOR USE IN
COATING WITH THE FILM

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, the following remarks
are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application

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